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## **MORGANTOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMPAIGN TO HOUSE PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS**

**100,000 Homes Campaign** is a grassroots effort to find and place the most vulnerable, long-term homeless individuals into 100,000 households across the country by July 2014.

As part of the **100,000 Homes Campaign**, the Morgantown community is planning an effort to identify and help persons who are homeless obtain and sustain permanent housing.

Morgantown has been doing a count of homeless persons every year during January. This year, the goal is more extensive: the purpose of **Morgantown Registry Week** is to create a by-name registry of people living on our streets and in shelters, enabling us to prioritize those who have been out there the longest and who are the most vulnerable. What we learn together during this week will help us reduce chronic homelessness in Morgantown.

The campaign is recruiting dedicated volunteers to canvass the Morgantown area in order to survey the city's most vulnerable homeless individuals and families. To ensure the most accurate count possible, we will survey individuals from 4 pm on Monday, January 27 through 4 pm Tuesday, January 28, and from 5 am to 8 am on Wednesday, January 29. The survey findings will be presented to the community at the conclusion of **Morgantown Registry Week** on Friday, January 30, 2:00 pm at the Public Safety Building conference room.

Training, which is required of all volunteers, will be held from 10 am until noon on Saturday, January 25, at Milan Puskar Health Right, 341 Spruce Street.

To volunteer, contact Meghan Kline or Caitlin Sussman: mkline2348@gmail.com or caitlinsussman@gmail.com, or call (304) 292-8234.